



# After 46 years, vindication

In the fall of 1934 when the University of Michigan ended one of its worst football seasons, The Stroller, then the sports editor of the Detroit Free Press, wrote a column in which he stated that the members of that U-M team were better fitted to go out in the business world than any team in the past.

He pointed out that the team had met with adversity. It had been bumped around and made to look very bad, but with that experience the members would not be licked when it came to taking the bumps and wounded spirits that oftentimes are encountered in the everyday world.

No sooner had the paper appeared on the street than the critics started turning. The Stroller was flooded with letters and phone calls, some of which were downright vicious.

He was accused of being anti-Michigan, which still is custom of the ones who are wrapped in the theme "Go Blue." Some of the critics went so far as to charge him with being opposed to winning. They claimed that he welcomed a losing season — just to make Michigan look bad in the Big Ten Conference.

For weeks this flow of criticism was aimed at The Stroller and it even was thrown up to him when he attended the various social events to which sports editors are invited.

**LIKE A GOOD** soldier, The Stroller took the barbs and the insults, feeling that the day would come when he would be vindicated — a day when only one game would rise up in the world and be a credit to his school.

Well, that moment came the other night when former president Gerald Ford addressed the Republican convention in the Joe Louis Arena. Even the most severe critics claimed it was one of the best speeches ever delivered at a political convention.

One of this biggest victories came at the Republican Convention. Speaking with all the fervor that he could muster, the captain of that oft-defeated 1934 U-M team held his audience 20,000 people spellbound. As he finished his speech, David Brinkley, the veteran TV commentator, came on the air to proclaim that Ford's speech was the best he has ever heard at any convention.

It was high praise for Ford. But more than that, it was vindication for The Stroller, who years ago, claimed that the members of the 1934 Michigan football team were better prepared to face the world than many of their predecessors.



## One will wear a crown Wednesday

One of the ten young women vying for the title of Miss Farmington 1980 will take the crown and roses of victory at the culmination of the Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant in Vladimir's Wednesday night. Competing for the \$1,000 scholarship and the opportunity to represent Farmington and Farmington Hills in the Miss Michigan Pageant are (seated in front, from left): Carol Ann Cheatham, Deborah Anne LaVere and Donna Humphrey Williams. In the middle row from left are Joan Elayne Birberik, Kimberly Marie Thomas, Deborah Lynn Kurzeja and Donna Sue Jablonski. In back are Sheila Mae Furman, Melanie Esther Churella and Mary Therese Jean.

## obituaries

**ALICE MCCARTY**  
Mrs. McCarty, 75, of Farmington Hills died July 12 in Sinai Hospital. Survivors include her daughter, Annice Bandy and Marilyn Paolek.

Services were July 15 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia with Rev. Charles R. Allen of Dearborn Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

## Suspects caught

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area heard the radio dispatcher's description of the two suspects and tracked them down within 20 minutes of the robbery.

Arrested was Edward Evan Cross, 17, of Southfield. Cross was arraigned before Judge Margaret Schaefer in Farmington District Court Wednesday; he stood mute and was held on \$40,000 bond.

Prosecution of the second youth, a minor, is being handled by the Farmington Hills Police, juvenile division.

The store has installed a new security system since this most recent robbery. The holdup was the second in three years at the convenience store.

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